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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 02214

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, MT
SUBJECT: EUROPEAN DIALOGUE ON ASSISTANCE TO MALTA

REF: (A) STATE 179390, (B) VALLETTA 2168

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY ABELA TOLD ME THIS MORNING HE IS
LEAVING FOR BONN TOMORROW FOR SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT WITH
VISCHNEVSKY ON THURSDAY. THIS IS APPOINTMENT WHICH ABELA
SOUGHT ON EARLIER TRIP BUT WHICH GERMANS DID NOT COME
THROUGH WITH.

2. IN TELLING ME THIS ABELA PROFESSED TO BE FULL OF GLOOM
ABOUT THE PROSPECTS, REITERATING AGAIN GOM IRRITATION OVER
LONG DELAYS BY EUROPEANS IN GETTING DIALOGUE ON ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE LAUNCHED. ABELA CONTINUES TO REFER TO JULY 31
AS DEADLINE FOR DEFINITIVE OFFER BY EUROPEANS.

3. I TOLD ABELA THAT USG REMAINED OF THE VIEW THAT
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EUROPEANS WERE OPEN TO DIALOGUE AND THAT WE STRONGLY
FAVORED THIS. NONETHELESS I THOUGHT THAT MALTESE RIGIDITY
WITH RESPECT TO A GIVEN DATE AND EVEN MORE SO WITH RESPECT
TO ASSISTANCE REQUESTS WAS IN NO ONE'S INTEREST AND
PARTICULARLY NOT IN INTEREST OF MALTA.

4. MALTESE DELEGATION TO TRIPOLI DESCRIBED VALLETTA REFTTEL

HAS RETURNED BUT THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN ANY INDICATION OF ITS RESULTS. THERE PROBABLY WILL NOT BE, SINCE DELEGATION AND ITS TIMING WAS AT LEAST IN PART A TACTIC TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON THE EUROPEANS. ABELA INSISTED THIS MORNING THAT DELEGATION HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH FLAP WITH HMG OVER BBC AND BFBS (REFTEL), THE DELEGATION'S VISIT HAVING BEEN AGREED TO AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE QADHAFI VISIT. LAINGEN

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